AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A document processing system having a user interface for creating a plurality of tabbed pages within said document, each tabbed page carrying an individual tab, said user interface comprising:

a tab data entry frame facilitating entry of tab data, including a total number of said tabbed pages in said document and a number of unique tab positions to format said tabbed pages, and entry of tab content for each associated tab; and

a page preview frame showing a layout of the unique tab positions for formatted tabbed pages and said tab content entered for each associated tab.

2. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface allows all of said tab data and tab content to be entered at one time.

3. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface allows said tab content to be entered during creation of a document.

4. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said page preview frame shows an accurate image of said tabbed page with said tab content.

5. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said page preview frame shows an accurate image of a plurality of said tabbed pages with a corresponding plurality of said tab content.

6. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to receive data pertaining to a location of said tabbed pages in a document to allow for automated insertion of said tabbed pages.

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7. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said tab content comprises a graphic.

8. (Original) The document processing system of claim 7, wherein said graphic is a color graphic.

9. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said tab content includes merged fields.

10. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to compensate for deleted tabbed pages.

11. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to automatically accommodate a change in tab data involving a change in tab modulus.

12. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to digitize tab content.

13. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein said user interface is adapted to justify tab content on said tab.

14. (Original) The document processing system of claim 1, wherein a personal computer hosts said user interface.

15. (Previously Presented) A document processing system, comprising:

a user interface to automatically configure tabbed pages within a document having a plurality of pages to partition said pages into sections; and

an output device for processing said document including said tabbed pages and said partitioned sections.

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16. (Original) The document processing system of claim 15, further comprising:

a personal computer for hosting said user interface; and

a network coupling said personal computer to said output device.

17. (Previously Presented) An automated method for processing a document having tabbed pages, said method comprising the steps of:

entering tab modulus data including a number of unique tab positions;

receiving entered tab modulus data;

determining a location of a tab on each of said tabbed pages based on received modulus data;

receiving tab content; and

positioning tab content onto said tab.

18. (Original) The method for processing a document having tabbed pages of claim 17, wherein said step of positioning tab content involves rotating said tab content for placement on said tab.

19. (Previously Presented) The method for processing a document having tabbed pages of claim 17, further comprising the steps of:

receiving data identifying a location of at least one of said tabbed pages in said document; and

automatically inserting said at least one of said tabbed pages in said document.

20. (Previously Presented) A storage medium for use in an electronic device, said medium holding instructions for performing an automated method for processing a document having precut tabbed pages, comprising the steps of:

assigning tabs and tabs properties to the precut pages tabs to generate a stock of the tabs, including:

entering tab modulus including a total number of tabbed pages

in said document and a location of each tab;

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creating a list of tab contents including at least one of a text and graphics to be printed on each tab,

entering an orientation and properties to be applied to the tab content of each tab, which properties include font and font size; formatting said document, including:

receiving tab modulus data of the tab stock,

determining a location of each printable tab based on said received tab stock modulus,

receiving tab content for each tab,

positioning said received tab content onto an associated tab based on said tab properties assigned to said associated tab,

receiving data identifying locations of said tabbed pages in said document, and

automatically determining the locations of said tabbed pages in said document to reflect most recently entered tab stock modulus; and

transmitting said document to a printing device.